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From: Deborah.Easterling
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2013 3:08 PM
To: 'terrig55@att.net'
Subject: RE: Letter Of Protest

Dear William and Terrance Godfrey,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. I am forwarding your email to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2013-59-E and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Administrative Assistant

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What is your connection or interest in this case?

I'm a working man, 40 hours a week at about \$22,000 a year. Groceries are high, gas is high, taxes are high too, so are medical bills. We are just scraping by as it is! There isn't anything extra right now!! Duke power is not the only bill we have to pay. This is be the company's third rate hike since 2010! WE CAN NOT AFFORD IT!

Please give a concise statement of your protest

This would be the company's third rate hike since 2010 and at a time when 8.0% (Apr 2013) South Carolina is Unemployed. Further, numbers from the Federal Department of Labor show Georgia's Underemployment is at 16.4 percent. Only 11 states have higher numbers, including South Carolina at 17 percent. The minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour for most employees in South Carolina. A full time minimum wage worker in South Carolina working 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year, will earn \$58.00 per day, \$290.00 per week, and \$15,080.00 per year¹. The national poverty line for a family unit consisting of two people is \$14,570 per year. Most of these people have dependents! Under the settlement, the monthly bill for a typical residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month in the first year would be \$107.97, or an increase of \$7.52 (7.5 percent). In the second year, it would be \$110.76, or an increase of \$2.79 (2.6 percent). We have other bills too! So, What does that leave us to live on?? Duke Energy sold 4,400 acres of land through its Crescent Land Company to the Nature Conservancy for \$19 million. That land once belonged to private citizens who believed a dam would be built there when our Corps bought it through Nantahala Power years ago. This is a concern of mine because the \$19 million didn't come back to the rate payers. Where did that money go?

Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding , if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony?

yes

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